

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a computerized forfaiting exchange to develop forfaiting transactions ~~(as defined)~~ for settlement, comprising the following steps:
 - a. providing ~~a web site accessible via the Internet~~ access to the computerized forfaiting exchange to sellers and buyers ~~using computers~~;
 - b. providing a counter party selection document on request to a seller or buyer to view ~~at the web site~~ via the computerized forfaiting exchange, where the counter party selection document contains ~~a list of~~ classes of counter parties together with counter party selection entry facilities;
 - c. permitting a seller to identify classes of buyers with whom they will, or will not, develop a forfaiting transaction, by entering selections on the counter party selection document using the counter party selection entry facilities;
 - d. providing an offer document on request to a seller to view ~~at the web site~~ via the computerized forfaiting exchange, where the offer document ~~contains~~ includes the following items:
 - i. ~~a list of~~ classes of assets together with asset selection entry facilities and asset information entry facilities for entry of details of ~~the~~ an asset related to the forfaiting transaction, the asset information comprising details on at least one payment obligation,
 - ii. ~~a list of~~ terms for the offer together with offer selection entry facilities and information entry facilities for entry of details of the offer,

- iii. ~~a list of~~ offer documents to accompany the offer together with offer document selection entry facilities and offer document attachment facilities for attaching copies of offer documents, and
 - iv. ~~a list of~~ undertakings for the seller to make in connection with the forfeiting transaction together with undertaking selection entry facilities and undertaking document attachment facilities for attaching copies of undertaking documents,
- e. permitting the seller to create an instance of the offer document, by:
- i. identifying the asset to be offered by using the asset selection entry facilities and asset information entry facilities,
 - ii. identifying the terms for the offer by using the offer selection entry facilities and offer information entry facilities,
 - iii. identifying the offer documents to accompany the offer by using the offer document selection entry facilities and offer document attachment facilities, and
 - iv. identifying the undertakings to be made by using the undertaking selection entry facilities and undertaking document attachment facilities;
- f. permitting the seller to submit an instance of the offer document, so that it becomes available to view by potential buyers from only the classes of buyers identified as being those whom the seller will develop the transaction;
- g. providing a counter offer document on request to a buyer after ~~they~~ have the buyer has viewed an the offer document, where the counter offer document contains counter offer selection and counter offer information entry facilities for entry of variations ~~to an offer document instance; and~~

- h. permitting the buyer to create an instance of the counter offer document by entering selections and information using the counter offer selection and information entry facilities, and to submit the counter offer instance, so that it becomes available to the seller;
- i. ~~providing a counter offer document on request to any party after they have viewed an instance of a counter offer document, where the counter offer document contains counter offer selection and information entry facilities for entry of variations; and~~
- j. ~~permitting the party to create an instance of the counter offer document by entering selections and information using the counter offer selection and information entry facilities, and to submit the counter offer instance, so that it becomes available to the counter party.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~comprising the further step of repeating the last two steps of~~ providing a further counter offer document on request to the seller or buyer, the further counter offer document comprising counter offer selection and counter offer information entry facilities for entry of variations, and permitting the seller or buyer to create an instance of the further counter offer document by entering selections and information using the counter offer selection and information entry facilities, and to submit the further counter offer instance, so that it becomes available to the counter party.
3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, comprising the further step of providing access to documents via the computerized forfaiting exchange, where the documents available at the web site contains~~comprise~~ electronic links to independent sources of financial information.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, comprising the further step of providing access to documents via the computerized forfaiting exchange, where the documents ~~available at the web site contains~~comprise electronic links to standardized forms of documents, such as asset defining documents used to support instances of the offer document.
5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, comprising the further step of providing access to documents via the computerized forfaiting exchange, where the documents ~~available at the web site contains~~comprise electronic links to standardized forms of undertaking documents.
6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, comprising the further step of ~~the exchange providing on-line assistance~~ [[in]] for completing the process.
7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, comprising the further step of ~~the exchange providing an asset screening document for use by potential buyers to select the types of asset they wish to view, and not view~~.
8. (Currently Amended) A computerized forfaiting exchange, comprising:
 - a. a web-site electronically accessible via the Internet to sellers and buyers ~~using computers~~;
 - b. a database associated with the web-site and storing:
 - i. a counter party selection document, where the counter party selection document contains a list of includes classes of counter parties together with counter party selection entry facilities;
 - ii. an offer document for the forfaiting transaction, where the offer document ~~contains~~ includes the following items:
 - 1) ~~a list of classes of assets~~ together with asset selection entry facilities and asset

information entry facilities for entry of details of ~~the~~ an asset related to the forfeiting transaction, the asset information comprising details on at least one payment obligation,

- 2) ~~a list of~~ terms for the offer together with offer selection entry facilities and offer information entry facilities for entry of details of the offer,
 - 3) ~~a list of~~ offer documents to accompany the offer together with offer document selection entry facilities and offer document attachment facilities for attaching copies of offer documents, and
 - 4) ~~a list of~~ undertakings for the seller to make in connection with the forfeiting transaction together with undertaking selection entry facilities and undertaking document attachment facilities for attaching copies of undertaking documents; and
- iii. a counter offer document containing counter offer selection and information entry facilities;
- c. a processor associated with the ~~web~~ site and the database and operable to retrieve ~~a documents~~ from the database to view at the ~~web~~ site;
 - d. the processor being further operable on request either to permit the entry of selections and information to create instances of documents on-line; and

- e. the processor being further operable to permit viewing of instances of offer documents by potential buyers, depending upon the selections and entries made by the seller in counter party selection document.
9. (Original) A computerized forfaiting exchange according to claim 8, further comprising a printing facility operable on request to print an offer document for use off-line.
10. (Cancelled).
11. (New) A method according to claim 1, where the payment obligation is supported by at least one of draft(s)/bill(s) of exchange drawn under deferred payment letter of credit(s), site letter of credit requiring confirmation, down payment on export credit agency (ECA) transaction structured for deferred payment, naked deferred payment claim, deferred payment claim with credit enhancement, and deferred payment claim with financial guarantee.
12. (New) A method according to claim 1, where the step of providing access to the computerized forfaiting exchange comprises providing web site access via the Internet to seller and buyers.
13. (New) A method according to claim 1, comprising the further step of permitting the identity of the seller, the buyer, or the seller and the buyer to remain anonymous during negotiation of the forfaiting transaction.
14. (New) A method according to claim 13, comprising the further step of disclosing the identity of the seller, the buyer, or the seller and the buyer to each respective counter party when a sale/purchase match is obtained for the forfaiting transaction.

15. (New) A method according to claim 1, comprising the further step of restricting viewing of instances of offer documents by potential buyers, depending upon the selections and entries made by the buyer in the counter party selection document.
16. (New) A computerized forfaiting exchange according to claim 8, where the payment obligation is supported by at least one of draft(s)/bill(s) of exchange drawn under deferred payment letter of credit(s), site letter of credit requiring confirmation, down payment on export credit agency (ECA) transaction structured for deferred payment, naked deferred payment claim, deferred payment claim with credit enhancement, and deferred payment claim with financial guarantee.
17. (New) A computerized forfaiting exchange according to claim 8, where the site is a web site that is accessible via the Internet to seller and buyers.
18. (New) A computerized forfaiting exchange according to claim 8, where the processor is further operable to permit the identity of the seller, the buyer, or the seller and the buyer to remain anonymous during negotiation of the forfaiting transaction.
19. (New) A computerized forfaiting exchange according to claim 18, where the processor is further operable to disclose the identity of the seller, the buyer, or the seller and the buyer to each respective counter party when a sale/purchase match is obtained for the forfaiting transaction.
20. (New) A computerized forfaiting exchange according to claim 8, the processor being further operable to permit viewing of instances of offer documents by potential buyers, depending upon the selections and entries made by the buyer in counter party selection document.

21. (New) A computerized forfeiting exchange according to claim 8, the processor being further operable to provide a counter offer document on request to the buyer after the buyer has viewed the offer document, where the counter offer document contains counter offer selection and counter offer information entry facilities for entry of variations, and to permit the buyer to create an instance of the counter offer document by entering selections and information using the counter offer selection and information entry facilities, and to submit the counter offer instance, so that it becomes available to the seller.
22. (New) A computerized forfeiting exchange according to claim 21, the processor being further operable to provide a further counter offer document on request to the seller or buyer, where the further counter offer document contains counter offer selection and counter offer information entry facilities for entry of variations, and to permit the seller or buyer to create an instance of the further counter offer document by entering selections and information using the counter offer selection and information entry facilities, and to submit the further counter offer instance, so that it becomes available to the counter party.
23. (New) A method according to claim 6, wherein the assistance is provided online.